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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am discouraged to hear that our government might side with legislation that could hurt competition against the country's largest telecommunications providers. I, personally, have subscribed to a local internet provider. I was once a subscriber to a large telecommunications firm but found their prices to be too high, their customer service to be consistently lacking and their service continually on the fritz.

In my suburban neighborhood, which is well populated, I only have the choice of three internet service providers. If you were to go ahead with approving price hikes, you would hurt the one and only service provider who is not one of the major telecommunications companies. This seems counterintuitive when our country is already trying so hard to fight for a competitive market.

In addition, rate hikes for internet services mean rate hikes for all Americans. This means our lowest income families will pay the largest amount proportionately. My wife teaches at a school where 80% of her students live below the poverty line. If rate hikes are approved, telecom companies will not change their pricing to adapt to these families needs.

Please deny rate hikes through the current legislation being pushed by companies like Comcast & AT&T. Our country needs more competition and less costs to consumers.

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